(b) The India Meteorological Department has reported the following data about the normal and actual rainfall in the affected districts:—

Sl.No.	District	Normal rainfall (in mm)	Actual rainfall (in mm)
1.	Raigarh	3293.1	2590.4
2.	Dhule	666.9	646.6
3.	Ahmednagar	438.1	529.7
4.	Bhandara	1280.4	790.4
5.	Chandrapur	1179.5	767.2
6.	Gadchiroli	1345.3	989.9

(c) The inadequate rainfall has resulted in crop losses of over 50% in 1906 villages.

(d) Government of Maharashtra have allocated Rs. 30.00 crores for emergency water supply and Rs. 65.00 lakh for fodder supply in the areas affected by drought.

[English]

Indisciplined Driving by Drivers of Blue Lines

3708. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen reports appearing in "The Pioneer" dated December 7, 8 and 9, 1996 regarding the indisciplined driving of private buses with the alleged connivance of Delhi Police;

(b) if so, whether connivance of Delhi Police has come to the notice of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken to enforce traffic discipline amongst the blue line drivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The Government have seen the news reports which appeared in "The Pioneer" in its issues dated December 7 and 8, 1996.

(b) and (c) There have been instances where individual Traffic Police personnel were found involved in the malpractices. As the result of a major anti-corruption drive carried out by the Delhi Police amongst its own men, 161 Traffic Policemen face departmental inquiries while 202 other officials stand transferred to non-sensitive units.

(d) As a result of the concerted action taken by the Delhi Police to enforce traffic discipline amongst red/blue line buses during 1996, 6053 buses were impounded, 2804 drivers were arrested and 343 permits were suspended. The number of cases challened for traffic violations was 1,37,404. These efforts had a major impact on the number of accidents caused by the red/blue line buses. The accident rate registered a 38.88% decline in 1996 when compared with 1995.

Reimbursement of Full Freight Charges

3709. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FCI is required to declare designated/base depots for the delivery of foodgrains to the State agency under PDS and Reimbursement of Full Freight Charges claims are to be settled based on the declaration of such designated/base depots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the FCI has not yet declared designated/base depots for the State of Gujarat on account of which the claims of the Gujarat State Civil Supplies Corporation since 1986-87 have not been settled by FCI;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The Food Corporation of India has to supply foodgrains to the State Governments from designated depots. In case FCI is unable to supply foodgrains from designated depots, the State Government is entitled to claim reimbursement of Rail Freight and Forwarding charges (RFFC) if the distance involved is more than 14 kms.

(c) to (e) The Food Corporation of India has given the list of declared designated depots to the Government of Gujarat in Feb., 1996. Since 90% claims of Gujarat State Civil Supplies Corporation did not fulfill the conditions of reimbursement of RFFC, these were rejected by the Food Corporation of India. The GSCSC has been requested to submit RFFC claims in respect of stocks lifted from depots other than designated depots.

Losses Incurred by Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Limited

3710. SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleasod to state :

(a) Whether certain units of Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Limited have been continuously incurring losses